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APPLICANTS: ELKE HELFTENBEIN-1 (PCT)  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Ass't. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, above line 1, please insert the following  
paragraphs:

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--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN  
Application No. 198 36 559.4 filed on August 12, 1998. Applicant  
also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/EP99/05857,  
filed on August 12, 1999. The international application under  
PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

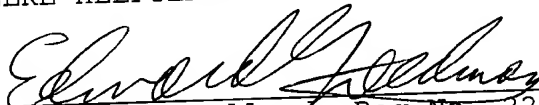
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REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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